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11 April 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR: Bureau Chiefs

FROM: Chief, FBIS

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GENERAL

1. Developments on the African Project:

a. The British Government advised the US Ambassador, London, that the Government of Nigeria would be delegated authority to negotiate an agreement directly with the US Consul General in Lagos, Nigeria, who will act for the US Government.

b. Preparation of plans for the operations building and equipment of the bureau continued. Details of Logistic support are being worked out with the Department of State.

c. [] designated as bureau chief of the new bureau, reported to Headquarters on 28 March to begin orientation and processing for his new post.

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d. The bureau Table of Organization was approved on 25 March. The T/O's of Headquarters, East Coast, Mediterranean, and Okinawa Bureaus were reduced one position each to accommodate the four new positions for Africa. []

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2. The Direction Finding Working Group met on 16 March. Upon concurrence of members, the final report will be submitted to the USIB Secretariat for publication and placing on the agenda of an early USIB meeting, probably in May. The working group is recommending (a) establishment of coordination points to effectively apply existing USIB resources to the problem; (b) that the FCC and Coast Guard be invited to collaborate on problems in certain areas; (c) improvement of Agency capability where possible, since federal resources are not adequate to solve the total problem; (d) use of ad hoc portable operations to fill gaps; and (e) major encouragement of research into new and promising DF systems. The committee has evidence it has already stimulated the latter.

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3. The Deputy Chief, FBIS, completed an inspection trip of the FBIS Panama Post. []

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4. Following his trip to Panama, the Deputy Chief, FBIS, visited the US Naval Base, Key West, Florida to arrange for a temporary one-man monitoring mission at that base, to monitor Cuban medium wave and TV

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broadcasts during the coming summer months, when reception at the East Coast Bureau is expected to fade. The Navy will provide necessary support. [redacted] of East Coast Bureau will be sent on TDY to Key West about 1 May to undertake this mission. [redacted]

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5. FBIS is servicing the US delegation to the Geneva ten-nation disarmament talks with texts of key propaganda items supplied by the London Bureau and daily propaganda-analysis cables prepared by RPB. RPB also has responded to a number of requests for research and analysis from the Agency representative on the US delegation, who has singled out the FBIS support for special appreciation. [redacted]

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6. Of 300 items included in OCI's Current Intelligence Digest during March, 83 (27.7 percent) were based wholly or in part on FBIS monitoring. [redacted]

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PROPAGANDA ANALYSIS COMMENT [redacted]

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1. Radio Propaganda Reports (Responsible analyst indicated in parentheses)

a. "Satellite Propaganda on Foreign-Policy Issues Over Which Moscow and Peking Have Diverged," prepared in response to an OCI requirement and utilized in an article in the Current Intelligence Weekly. [redacted]

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b. "Moscow and Peking Propaganda on Japan since June 1959: Stepped-Up Attack on Revised Security Pact," updating a July 1959 Propaganda Report at the request of the US Embassy, Tokyo. [redacted]

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c. Propaganda-analysis report No. 137 was sent to OCI on 28 March for the US delegation at the Geneva nuclear test-ban talks. [redacted]

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2. A propaganda-analysis item on the FBIS Wire called attention to indications of increased bloc propaganda attention to the Kurds. [redacted]

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3. RPB Special Memoranda (Responsible analyst indicated in parentheses)

a. "Moscow Propaganda on Banning Nuclear Weapons," for the Eaton disarmament staff prior to the opening of the Geneva conference; copies to the Agency representative with the US delegation and to interested officers in the Agency and the Department of State. [redacted]

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b. "Principal Themes in Soviet Propaganda, January 1959 to Date," for the President's Committee on Information Activities Abroad; copies to SA/CCA and USIA. []

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c. "Soviet Propaganda Discordance with Coexistence," for Ambassador Bohlen's staff, Department of State; copies to SA/CCA and USIA. [] support from analysts)

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d. "Soviet Propaganda Allusions to USSR Missile Sites." for OSI/GMD; copies to [] and to ONE, OCI, ORR/GMD, NIC, AFCIN, and JCS. []

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4. The following are among Radio Propaganda Reports projected for late April and May (Responsible analyst indicated in parentheses)

a. Evolution of Khrushchev's Position on the Transition to Communism -- a research study []

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b. Soviet Outer-Space Projects and Programming: December 1959 - March 1960 -- in a regular series of quarterly reports for OSI's Guided Missiles Division []

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c. Soviet Propaganda on Civil Defense -- semiannual report in the series requested by the National Indications Center []

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d. Opposition in the Chinese Communist Party to the Party's Small Blast-Furnace Policy -- the first in a series responding to an OCI request for studies of aspects of the "rightist" opposition in Communist China []

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e. Review of Propaganda on Soviet Agriculture []

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5. Field Support of the Radio Propaganda Branch

a. All bureaus preparing Moscow or Peking commentary lists are reminded of the need for special care in identifying the international conferences given major attention in commentaries. There has been some confusion between the two Geneva conferences, on disarmament and on banning nuclear tests, stemming from imprecise references in the listings to "Geneva conference" or "East-West talks." Whenever possible, listers should use the more precise "ten-nation talks" (or "disarmament conference") and "test-ban talks." A commentary basically devoted to the ten-nation talks and mentioning the test-ban or some other conference only peripherally should be listed as "emphasizing" the ten-nation talks; the lister may then go on to note what is said in passing about the other conference, if there appears to be substantive significance in the passing reference.

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The precise specification of individual conferences is particularly important now, with the two Geneva meetings proceeding concurrently and East-West talks impending at the summit. RPB statistics can be accurate only if the listings provide analysts with a clear basis for coding each commentary according to major focus of attention.

b. It is important that the Tokyo Bureau's weekly lists of Peking commentaries to Taiwan include talks by prominent people on the mainland and talks or messages addressed to groups or individuals on Taiwan. In each case there should be brief notation as to what the talk or message asked the Taiwanese to do: for example, some messages urge Taiwanese groups or individuals to return to the mainland; others ask the listener to work for conversion of the Nationalist government. Such goals should always be indicated, to enable analysts to define the nature of the Peking appeal to Taiwan.

c. Tokyo Bureau editors are reminded again of the continuing great interest in what Moscow tells Chinese listeners, in its Mandarin broadcasts, about such sensitive or key issues as Taiwan, disarmament, and a nuclear-test ban. Of particular interest is any item that might be construed as reflecting the Soviet attitude toward CPR participation in the solution of world problems, including disarmament. A special effort to provide full, accurate descriptions of the content of Moscow Mandarin items on such subjects in the commentary lists would minimize RPB questions and follow-up requests for processing and should save time for both the bureau and the branch.

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EDITORIAL BRANCH COMMENT

General

1. A directive was issued detailing Editorial Branch criteria for the allocation of materials published in the Daily Report. Prepared as a means of coping with problems arising in part from the accelerated travelings of world political figures, the directive provides that materials will be published in the Daily Report according to "country of primary interest," irrespective of the transmitter source. In keeping with this directive, all texts of Khrushchev's speeches during the Soviet Premier's visit to France, including those processed from the Paris radio, were published in the USSR book. The directive merely extends formal sanction to practices already in effect.

2. Initial broadcast references or reaction to major US political initiatives or scientific achievements, especially from the communist bloc, are of considerable interest to consumers and should be filed to Headquarters promptly. Similarly the absence of reportage or reaction should be reported after a reasonable lapse of time. On several recent occasions, specific queries to the appropriate bureaus established the fact that such developments had been reported, but without comment. The absence of reaction was apparently considered to render the item worthless.

3. Mediterranean Bureau

The excellent coverage of Kabul's English-language broadcasts is appreciated in Headquarters. Interest in Afghanistan broadcasts was high during the recent Khrushchev visit to that country and will remain so as long as tension exists between Afghanistan and Pakistan.

4. White Book Distribution

a. The distribution given the "White Book" (unrestricted Daily Report) may be of interest to the field. Generally a compilation of the four area Daily Reports, less the "Official Use Only" pages, the "White Book" is distributed to non-Governmental addresses as follows:

Press and radio corps (Washington, D.C.)	115 copies
Friendly foreign embassies	188 copies
Colleges and Universities (Through Library of Congress)	34 copies
Individual professors (Through Department of State)	84 copies
Miscellaneous	83 copies

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b. In addition to these, the book is distributed in 25 copies to Congressmen and to several congressional committees and subcommittees.

c. As a result of this service to people outside the Government, FBIS has come to be rather well-known. This circumstance has led, in turn, to FBIS providing other allied services, particularly to the Congress and to the press and radio corps. An example of such a service to the Congress, and one with which every bureau is quite familiar by this time, is providing Congressmen with a copy of any monitored item mentioning their names.

d. Similarly, there are services we provide the Washington press and radio corps, the substance of which usually takes the form of feature stories in the hometown newspapers and radios.

e. Although we provide special services to friendly foreign embassies only rarely, there is a great demand for the "White Book" itself, with some embassies getting as many as four and five copies regularly. And with some diplomats, the book even comes under the category of indispensable reading. Recently the Turkish Ambassador to the United States, His Excellency A. S. H. Urguplu, wrote to FBIS announcing his impending reassignment as Turkish Ambassador to Spain and requesting that the book be forwarded to him at the Turkish Embassy in Madrid. Arrangements to accommodate His Excellency are presently in negotiation.

5. As a result of the visit of the Deputy Chief, FBIS, to the Panama Post, two new addressees in that area were added to our "pink sheet" service via wire. This brings to 22 the number of addressees throughout the world receiving this service.

ENGINEERING AND FIELD OPERATIONS

1. The Broadcast Information Section completed work on the entire Latin American Section of the schedule book, "Program Schedules of Foreign Broadcasting Stations" which includes several hundred Latin American radio schedules. The publication is expected to be distributed by 15 April.

2. On 31 March, work was completed on the initial phase of the publication of "Broadcasting Stations of the World." The publication should be ready to turn over to the Government Printing Office sometime before 1 June.

3. The Technical Material Corporation's long and medium wave multicoupler has been determined to be the best in its field for FBIS purposes, and lowest in price. When quotations for spare parts kits have been received, requisitions will be prepared to cover FBIS-wide requirements.

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4. In support of TV monitoring, the Engineering and Field Operations staffs investigated the Federal Trade Commission's TV monitoring setup, and also investigated photographic equipment which might be applicable to, and possibly improve, FBIS techniques. Of promise is a recently announced, sixty second developer magazine for 16 mm movie film cameras. Additional information on this unit has been requested.

5. A cable break delayed placing the new Western Union Trans-Atlantic cable and FBIS duplex circuit between Headquarters and London in operation. Repairs have been effected and activation is anticipated during April.

6. Bureaus are reminded that any change in their coverage, which has occurred within the two week reporting period, should be included in the semi-monthly Coverage Change Report, even though Headquarters may have been notified of the change in another communication.

7. Two FBIS-designed (and constructed) textual word counters have been operationally tested for one month at the East Coast Bureau. Except for minor problems which have been corrected, performance has been excellent. The counters provide individual count by addressee and language, and will be proposed for division-wide requirements when funds permit.

ADMINISTRATION

1. Bureau Chiefs should stress the importance of alien employees' keeping the original copies of their personnel actions. These actions may be very important to the individual in supporting a future claim of service with FBIS.

2. Requisitions:

a. Bureaus are requested to type the unit price of each item in the Unit Price block of the requisition form instead of in the Extension block.

b. Unless the Bureau requires requisitioned material more rapidly than the normal Logistics processing and shipping time, it is requested that the Date Required be omitted from the requisition.

3. Once an employee has been converted to "Excepted Appointment" and has been accepted as a member of the Civil Service Retirement System, he cannot withdraw from the system nor may his retirement contributions be halted prior to his actual resignation date. The minimum time required for processing a refund request is five months.

4. The following FBIS regulatory issuances were released during the month of March:

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PERSONNEL CHANGES

1. New Employees in FBIS

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2. Reassignments

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